(c) Organisations which have not presented their accounts and annual reports regularly are 132.

(d) By and large the voluntary organisations are successful in achieving their objectives.

[*English*]

Subsidy to Imported wheat through Public Distribution System

1205. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total consumption of wheat, rice and sugar in the country at present;

(b) whether there is a proposal to give subsidy to imported wheat to be distributed through Public Distribution System; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSOUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHAMED): (a) The estimated per capita net availability per annum of cereals and sugar are as under:

Cerals (1991)	- 171.6 kg
Sugar'(1990-91)	- 12.5 kg

(b) and (c). Imported wheat as well as wheat procured indigenously are issued at the same Central Issue Price by FCI (ex-FCI godowns) to State Governments and Union Territories Administrations for the Public Distribution System. The current Centrai Issue Price of Rs. 280/-per quintal of wheat is below the economic cost incurred by FCI and does involve subsidy on the part of the Central Government.

Unemployment Allowance

1206 SHRI K.H. MUNIYYAPPA:
SHRI V. KRISHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where unemployment allowance is being paid;

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Union Government to provide unemployment allowance at all India level; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) According to available information the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar Haryana, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal have been paying unemployment allowance for a limited period to certain specified categories of job-seekers in their respective States from their own resources.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of Gas-Based Petrochemicals Projects

1207. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up some gas-based pertrochemical projects during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the locations thereof;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to set up one such project near Vijaipur in Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the likely expenditure on the project and the time by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). Letters if intent have been issued by the Government for setting up gas based cracker complexes at Gardhar (Gujarat), auraiya (U.P.) and in assam.

(c) to (d). Gas Authority of India have submitted a proposal for use of C3 steam for manufacture of Propylene (100,000 TPA capacity) based on Propane Dehydrogenation technology at Vijaipur (M.P.). The proposal, however, could not be approved for want of tie up of proven technology.

Drought Prone Areas

1208. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified the drought prone areas in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the schemes proposed to be launched by the government to assist the farmers of the drought prone areas during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the identified drought prone areas, the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) which is a centrally sponsored scheme is in operation. The details regarding the drought prone areas identified and covered under DPAP are given in the Statement below.

(c) The DPAP is proposed to be continued during the 8th Five Year Plan. This Programme is an areas development programme and is not beneficiary oriented. Nevertheless, the core activities to be taken up in the areas of soil and moisture conservation, water resources development and afforestation and pasture development in the 8th Five Year Plan would ultimately benefit the farmers of the project areas in terms of improved soil, more irrigation facilities and control of soil erosion etc. leading to increased productivity of land, water & human resources.